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moving said first receiving member and said second receiving member toward each other to  
mount said support sleeve between said first receiving member and said second receiving member;  
and  
mounting said flexographic printing sleeve to said support sleeve.

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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the paragraph bridging pages 8 and 9 of the specification as follows.

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Both receiving members 3 are rotatable. Here the receiving member 3 shown at the left is held in the base indicated which represents a nondriven support. At the receiving member 3 shown at the right is a shaft end which leads to a machine base which contains a drive unit for this right-hand receiving member 3 such that the sleeve 2 may be caused to rotate. Deviating from this embodiment, both receiving members 3 may be rotationally driven synchronously. The right-hand receiving member 3 may be axially 9 displaced along with the shaft whose shaft end is indicated within a plain bearing of the machine base not shown, or possibly displaced together with the machine base, so as to position the sleeves 2 between the receiving members 3, or to remove them from the receiving members 3, as well as to adjust the distance between the receiving members 3 to the differing lengths of sleeves 2. The axial 9 displacement of the receiving member 3 may be effected, for example, pneumatically since the mounting of sleeves is typically effected in flexography by compressed air.

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Please amend the second full paragraph of page 8, lines 19-20, of the specification, as previously amended, as follows.

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Figure 1 is a schematic view of the holding device of the present invention; and

Figure 2 is a schematic view of a holding device of the present invention having air channels.

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Please amend the second full paragraph of page 9, lines 24-33, of the specification as follows.

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The support sleeve 6 has air channels 10 through which compressed air is conducted to the lateral surface of the support sleeve 6 so that the sleeve 2 may be attached in the familiar fashion to the support sleeve 6 to form the complete sleeve. Irrespective of the material used for the support sleeve 6, provision can be made to create the air channels out of pressure-resistant hoses or tubes, for example made of metal or plastic which may be arranged in the wall of the thick-walled support sleeves 6, for example having been molded in, foamed in or laminated in, and which may be fixed along the interior side of thin-walled support sleeves 6, for example screwed in and/or glued. Passage bores may be provided to conduct the air from the air channels to the lateral surface of the support sleeve 6.

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Please amend the fourth full paragraph of page 10, lines 28-33, of the specification as follows.

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If no support sleeves are to be used, air channels 8 may be provided in the receiving members 3 in a manner similar to that for the familiar, comparatively large cylinders known in the field of flexography: Here the outlet openings for the air are provided in the lateral surfaces of the shoulders to expand the sleeves 2 and enable them to be slipped directly onto the receiving members 3. Outlet openings on shoulders not used may be blocked or closed by means of suitable valves or plugs.

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please place the enclosed two sheets of drawings in the file.

IN THE ABSTRACT:

Please place the enclosed abstract in the file.